

**Update as at 4.00pm
29 August 2021**

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Te Marae Ora (TMO) wishes to provide the following update:

The Cook Islands remains COVID-19 free.

Alert Level 2 has been extended to 11.59pm Monday 30 August 2021.

While Air New Zealand flights have been flying into Rarotonga, they have not carried any inwards passengers since Monday 16 August.

Meanwhile over 3000 passengers have left since 16 August.

Testing locations were operating in Rarotonga and Aitutaki on Saturday. These testing locations were also administering influenza vaccinations.

Almost 800 people on Rarotonga have had the government funded flu shot since the announcement last Thursday. The flu vaccine will be available, at no cost, to everyone from age 6-months until and including this Friday – 3 September, 2021

Tomorrow, drive-through testing and flu vaccination locations will be operating at Constitution Park and at Tupapa Public Health from 9am and 3pm.

Over the last thirteen days, 2840 swabs from Rarotonga and Aitutaki have been processed at Rarotonga Hospital, all have returned negative results.

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